

# *Trinity Times*

## *April 2025*

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I seem to remember Easters collectively. For example, I remember that 8 years of out 9 there was no sun – just fog or rain or both – for the Port Jefferson sunrise service held on the beach. But there is one Easter Sunday from my youth that I have never forgotten. We were just about to leave for church – my parents, we three sisters, and our father’s mother, Nana, who lived with us. I always think of her as being of pioneer stock. She was fiercely independent, strong-minded, and physically strong as well. It was a cold Easter morning after a night of freezing rain, and every surface was covered with ice. As we put on our coats, Nana set out for the car, ignoring my father’s request that she wait so that he could help her negotiate the icy driveway. As we walked out of the house, we saw Nana slip on the ice and fall, breaking her ankle. Dad and Mom drove Nana to the hospital and we three sisters returned to the house, where we spent Easter waiting for their return. For over 50 years, until my 2018 auto accident, I recalled that day as the only Easter in my life that I was not in church to celebrate the Resurrection.

But it was an Easter that brought some real insight. I began to understand that having an independent spirit is good, but it is better sometimes to have a humble spirit that accepts help from others.

I learned a lesson about miracles, too. The doctors declared that my grandmother’s ankle was so badly shattered that she would never walk normally again. But when the bones finally knit and healed, Nana walked as straight and sure-footed as ever.

I also became aware of the importance of a faith community and of corporate worship, especially in times of greatest joy or sorrow. I truly missed the Easter experience of being in a beautifully decorated sanctuary, filled with believers dressed in their finest to honor their risen Savior, the air ringing with songs of praise and thanksgiving sung with passion and joy. Missing worship that Resurrection Sunday was like not having Easter.

And I came to realize that it’s easy to lose sight of the fact that every Sunday is meant to be celebrated as a “little Easter.” Sometimes our celebrations at Christmas and Easter are a deep contrast to the way we worship the rest of the year. Christmas and Easter function like great, big, holy parties. They stir us up, in the best of ways. What if every Sunday was celebrated with the enthusiasm and delight of Easter?

What if churches saw every week as an opportunity to reach out and love the lost through the power of the risen Savior manifest in the indwelling Holy Spirit? What if our efforts to nurture, show compassion, and proclaim truth were fueled year-round by an urgent Easter reality?

Jesus is often referred to as Emmanuel, God with us. What if every day became a chance to revel in the Emmanuel who defeated even death on our behalf, and then involved us in the magnificent building of the kingdom of God in our churches, families, and hearts?

That “missed” Easter remains in my memory as a reminder to seize the day – every day – to be Easter people, to worship God with unbridled joy, and to expect miracles from our God who lives and reigns, not just on Easter Day, but now and forever!

May you have a truly joyous and blessed Easter! *Pastor Eileen*

## APRIL WORSHIP

\*=sermon text

April 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
*Holy Communion*  
Each person will receive the wine in an individual olive wood cup from the Holy Land, a memento of Jesus' last supper to keep.

Scriptures Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
\*John 12:1-8

Sermon Wasted?



April 13 Palm Sunday  
Reverse church! Fellowship time at 9:00 am.  
Hot cross buns and an Easter fair for everyone, with crafts and distribution of palms followed by a procession to the church for the service at 10:00 am.

Scriptures Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
\*Luke 19:28-40

Sermon Incognito



April 18 Good Friday  
Service at 7:00 pm.  
The Sound of the Nails  
Take home a nail; put it where you will see it; think about it on Saturday. Bring it to church on Easter Sunday; lay it before the cross; leave it behind.

Scripture Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12  
Luke 22:14 – 23:56 (the Passion narrative)

Sermon A Handful of Nails



April 20 Easter Sunday  
Scriptures Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
\*Luke 24:1-12

Sermon While It Was Still Dark, the Son Had Already Risen  
*Bring your Lenten coins, Good Friday nails, and joyful hearts!*

April 27 Second Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures Psalm 138  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Luke 5: 1-11

Sermon Who me?!!  
Lay servant Patsy Boisvert will lead worship and preach.





**REVERSE CHURCH**  
**FELLOWSHIP TIME & EASTER FAIR**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 13th**  
**9:00 am.**

**HOT CROSS BUNS**  
**CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES**  
**WOOD CROSS**  
**PALM CROSS**  
**EASTER CARD**  
**PAPER BUTTERFLY**  
**EGG-TASTIC GAMES**



# Mid-Hudson



Michele Hill, a member of One Accord Church in Newburgh, first heard about Love INC from a friend when she was living in Ulster County. When she moved to Dutchess County in 2018, she was excited to find that there was an active Love INC affiliate here.

She “liked” the Love INC Facebook page and discovered a Volunteer Orientation there. By 2019, she was an active volunteer. Michele began her volunteer journey by driving neighbors to relational ministry classes. Soon she found herself actively participating in these classes. She helped facilitate the Building Hope classes and a Grief and Loss class, and she trained to be a one-on-one coach.

Michele served on the Board of Directors for 3 years, her last year as the Vice-Chairperson. As a member of the Fund Development Committee, she volunteered at the Cookie Walk and the Scrabble Tournament. She has also enjoyed representing Love INC at National Night Out, an annual community event hosted by the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

Michele is grateful for the many ways that Love INC spreads the love of Christ to those in our community. She sees Love INC fulfilling the Great Commission to go and make disciples. “I hope others consider becoming involved in Love INC,” Michele says, “It is truly a blessing in the community. Lives are being transformed, and people are growing as disciples.”

We thank God for Michele’s enthusiasm, faithfulness, and service to our community through Mid-Hudson Love INC.

Find more information on the web site: <https://www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org/>

## Roundtable Discussions

Meet on Tuesdays at 8 pm on ZOOM.

DATE	TOPIC
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	What inspired your hobbies or interests?
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBD

Future Topics:

What is deemed right and wrong can defer from one society to another - what do you think?

What inspired your hobbies or interests?

How might we be a sanctuary for our community?

A deontologist always tells the truth even if it would hurt someone.

A Stoic holds that negative emotions result from error in judgment.

A wise person would not undergo such emotions.

Call Karen Jenkins for any questions, 845-242-5590,  
Patsy Boisvert for the ZOOM link, 845-298-0454

## The New York Conference|The United Methodist Church



Have you ever wondered what happens at the NY Annual Conference?

Go to [nyac.com](http://nyac.com) to answer all your questions.

Patsy Boisvert

### Heifer Project:

Heifer Project has ended, but donations are still being accepted.

So far over \$500 has been raised.

Watch for the announcement of how many pigs will be purchased through our giving!

### Trinity United Methodist Church

Webpage: <https://trinityumclagrange.org>

Worship Recordings

This is our link for the Trinity YouTube channel for people who want to see our worship recordings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNePmj0UUjXh3c0aXixbVQ>

# April Food Pantry

Bagging: Tuesday, April 22 at 10am in the parish hall.

Distribution: April 24 from 7-8 pm. Helpers should try to be there by 6:30 pm.

For the moment, no more paper bags are needed, since so many people have contributed so generously. We'll let you know when the need arises again, but now our prime concern is storage space!

Many thanks!

Marcia

## Trustee Corner

### Trustee Members:

**Class of 2025** - Ann Sherer, Chris Freeman, Mike Bangert – Treasurer

**Class of 2026** -

Mike Tucci – Co-Chair, Royal Ricci – Co-chair, Bob Boisvert – Secretary

**Class of 2027** - Patsy Boisvert, Ralph La Casio, Ron Lemar

There will be a Spring work/cleanup day.

April 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Yoga

Beginner/All Levels "Align & Refine"  
RajaHatha Yoga

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Thursday Class 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Saturday Class 9:00 - 10:15 am



\*please arrive 10 minutes prior to start of class.

\*class cost: \$5 (20% donated to church)



Trinity

Piecemakers

The Trinity Piecemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Meeting dates will be posted during church. Please contact Debbie Beattie at: 845-223-5584 for more information.

### Adult Bible Studies

**Please join us - all are welcome**

Weekly Adult Bible Studies with a time of prayer and praise via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm. Contact Clay Beattie, 223-5584

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth Sunday in Lent Trustees meeting after service Confirmation Class
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Reverse church! Fellowship time at 9:00 am. Administrative Council
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm.
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Food Pantry bagging 10 am
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry Distribution
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday of Easter

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